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1. A tow, coming from the direction of Nargoe (Naissaar) Island (N59-33, E24-31) and heading for Porkkala (N59-56, E24-18), was sighted [redacted] The tow comprised a large navy tug [redacted] and two cargo-carrying lighters, each of about 600 tons.

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2. [redacted] six minesweepers were seen lying at anchor near a small island off Porkkala. They had a raised, long forecastle which was sheered aft of the bridge. A canvas covered gun was on the foredeck. The bridge was a high, long structure with a mast and a searchlight platform in the forward third of its length. Behind the bridge there was a high funnel with a sloping top; between the latter and the stern there was a gun. There was a large drum on the stern. The vessels were painted a dark gray [redacted]

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3. [redacted] at a position where Yussaroye lay at an azimuth of 350 degrees true north and at a distance of six nautical miles, five submerged submarines were sighted on the starboard bow at a distance of about 500 meters. They proceeded under water at a speed of about seven knots. The wake of their snorkels indicated that they were heading west-southwest. When about three nautical miles astern, they surfaced and altered their course to the south. They were of one type with slightly raised forecastles, and the bridge structures forward were a little lower than aft. They had a gun on the forward edge of their superstructure and another gun on the aft-edge; the conning tower was between the guns. An antenna extended to the stem and the stern from the conning tower. The submarines proceeded in two groups; two submarines were about 150 meters abreast and were followed at a distance of about 500 meters by three submarines.

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4. [redacted] while en route from Helsinki to Kotka, (N60-27, E26-56), Finland, five PT boats were sighted at 1,000 meters in clear weather with light baffling winds. They were moving at high speed on a westerly course, without lights.

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5. [redacted] off Oregrund, three Soviet warships, 25X1
steering an easterly course and proceeding at high speed, were sighted at a distance of five nautical miles. They proceeded in line ahead. Each had a clipper bow and a high, long foredeck with a gun turret. Behind the gun turret was a ranking, high, enclosed bridge. The foredeck sloped to the flat upper deck behind the bridge. On the upper deck, close behind the bridge, there was a tripod mast, about three meters higher than the bridge. Behind the mast, and level with the bridge, there was a funnel with a sloping top. Aft of the funnel there was a small, low upper deck structure. On the stern, which had a very low freeboard, there was a gun turret. The ships were painted a dark gray. [redacted] 25X1
6. [redacted] four Soviet warships were sighted in the narrows between 25X1
Porkkala and Tallinn at a distance of four nautical miles. They proceeded in line ahead to the northwest from the direction of Tallinn. They were of the same type and had a rather high, long forecastle with a slightly raking stem, on which a gun was mounted. Behind the forecastle was a long bridge with a short mast on its forward third. A funnel with a sloping top projected a little above the bridge structure. The upper deck had a very low freeboard. In the middle of the upper deck was another gun. The boats were painted a dark gray [redacted] 25X1
7. Two Soviet warships were seen [redacted] at a position 25X1
of N59-56-05, E24-40, heading 57 degrees true north at a speed of about eight knots. Each vessel was about 75 meters long, and had an overhanging stem; a flat, continuous upper deck; a very low freeboard at the stern; and a high, short, vertical bridge with a short platform aft. In the middle of the bridge there was a short mast with a masthead lamp. The vessels were painted a dark gray.
8. [redacted] three large Soviet minesweepers were sighted 25X1
off Porkkala steering a westerly course at about 12 knots. Each vessel had a high, long forecastle; a plumb stem; and a gun in front of the bridge. On the first third of the bridge was a thin pedestal, three meters high, carrying a grate-like radar device, 1.5 x 1.5 meters, which resembled the old German radar mattresses. (Fu/Mg mattress) (sic). Some AA guns were on the aft end of the bridge. In front of the short, squat funnel, behind the bridge, there was a cutter in davits. At the middle of the upper deck there was a gun, and just aft of it there was a large drum. The quarter deck was flat with a slight slope. The vessels were painted a dark gray, except for the funnels, which appeared to be silver gray. [redacted] 25X1
9. [redacted] from the position of N59-18, E22-10, a Soviet 25X1
warship [redacted] was seen at a distance of three nautical miles. The vessel was 25X1
making about 18 knots and was heading in an east-northeast direction. The vessel had a gun, about 80 to 90 mm, on its long, high foredeck; an AA gun, of about 37 mm, on a platform on the bridge; a mast on the bridge; and two high funnels with top edges which sloped slightly toward the stern. The aft funnel had a searchlight platform on its forward edge. Between the aft funnel and the cabin structure there was a multiple torpedo tube. Two light AA guns were on the roof of the cabin structure, and an 80 or 90 mm gun was aft of the cabin structure. There was a small davit on the stern.
10. [redacted] two Soviet destroyers, steering an easterly course, were 25X1
sighted in the vicinity of the Tallinn lightship. They passed at a distance of about four nautical miles at high speed. They resembled the Paul Yakobi class (sic), except that they mounted a twin turret above the foredeck. The first control post on top of the bridge was equipped with a large optical range-finder. A 2.5 x 2.5-meter radar mattress was on the mast. A quadruple torpedo tube was located between the two funnels; a second one was located between the aft funnel and the cabin structure. Two four-barreled AA guns and two double mountings were on the platform around the aft funnel. A gun of about 150 mm was on the cabin structure, and a second gun of the same caliber was on the quarterdeck.

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